XII. The Commissioner in Sind is given the right to sanction at his discretion, for special reasons, or to meet special emergencies, appointments and promotions otherwise than in accordance with the foregoing rules.

Special appointments and promotions.

CHAPTER VIII.

**Rules relating to the Examinations of Gazetted Officers of the Salt and Excise Departments.*

1. Every officer already appointed to be or to act as an Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue, who has not passed the examinations prescribed in paragraphs 900, 901, 903 and 904 of the Digest of Service Rules, and every officer hereafter appointed to be or to act as an Assistant Collector of $\frac{\text{Salt Revenue}}{\text{Excise}}$ will, unless specially exempted by Government, be required to pass, at the latest, at the first examination held after six months from the date on which he joined his appointment, an examination in the subjects mentioned below; and every officer already appointed to be or to act as an Assistant Collector of Excise who has not passed the examination prescribed in paragraphs 900, 901, 903 and 904 of the Digest of Service Rules will, unless specially exempted by Government, be required to pass, at the latest, at the first examination held after six months from the date of these orders, the examination prescribed by this rule :—

Subjects for Examination.

A. For Assistant Collectors of Salt Revenue and Excise—

The Indian Penal Code as amended to date.

The Criminal Procedure Code as amended to date.

Chapters II, VII, IX and X of the Indian Evidence Act as amended to date.

B. For Assistant Collectors of Salt Revenue only—

The Salt Acts ... } In force in the Bombay
The Sea Customs Acts ... } Presidency for the time
The Land Customs Acts ... } being.
The Ports and Port Dues Acts ... }

C. For Assistant Collectors of Excise only—

The Bombay A'bkári Act ... } And the rules and orders
The Indian Opium Act ... } in force thereunder.

2. Two papers of questions for Assistant Collectors of Salt Revenue and of Excise respectively will be set in the Acts mentioned in Rule 1 :—

(1) For Assistant Collectors of Salt Revenue, one paper under A and one paper under B of Rule 1 ;

(2) For Assistant Collectors of Excise, one paper under A and one paper under C of Rule 1.

3. Every officer mentioned in Rule 1 will, unless specially exempted by Government, be required to pass, at the latest, at the first examination held after 12 months from the date of his passing the examination prescribed by Rule 1, or, if he has not been required to pass that examination, at the first examination held after 18 months from the date on which he joined his appointment, an examination in the following Acts and any others which may, from time to time, be prescribed by Government :—

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* Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 10942, dated 28th October 1908.

For Assistant Collectors of Salt Revenue and Excise—

The Indian Penal Code	...	As amended to date.
The Criminal Procedure Code	...	
The Indian Evidence Act	...	

For Assistant Collectors of Salt Revenue only—

The Salt Acts	...	In force in the Bombay Presidency for the time being, together with the rules and orders in force under them.
The Sea and Land Customs Acts	...	
The Ports and Port Dues Acts	...	
The Opium Act	...	
The A'bkári Act	...	
The Register of Vessels Act	...	
The Passenger and Pilgrim Ships Acts.		
The Arms Act	...	

Provided that questions on the Pilgrim Ships Act shall not be set so long as Bombay continues to be the only port of departure for pilgrims.

For Assistant Collectors of Excise only—

The same as for Salt, omitting—

The Ports and Port Dues Acts,

The Register of Vessels Acts, and

The Passenger and Pilgrim Ships Acts.

4. Three papers of questions for Assistant Collectors of Salt Revenue and of Excise respectively will be set in the Acts mentioned in Rule 3 :—

(1) For Assistant Collectors of Salt Revenue :—

I—The Indian Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code and the Indian Evidence Act.

II—The Salt and Sea and Land Customs Acts and the rules and orders thereunder.

III—The remaining Acts, rules and orders.

(2) For Assistant Collectors of Excise :—

I—The Indian Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code and the Indian Evidence Act.

II—The Opium and A'bkári Acts and the rules and orders thereunder.

III—The remaining Acts, rules and orders prescribed for Assistant Collectors of Excise only.

5. The examinations mentioned in the preceding rules will be held in June and December of each year by the Permanent Committee for Departmental Examinations, constituted as prescribed in No. 12 of the Rules laid down in Government Notification, Revenue Department, No. 6265, dated 22nd June 1908, with the addition of the Commissioner of Customs, Salt, Opium, and A'bkári and, for Salt only, the Collector of Salt Revenue. The questions are to be answered without books. The time allowed for each paper will be 3 hours. 150 marks will be allotted to each paper, except that to the third paper for Assistant Collectors of Excise, under Rule 4 (2), 100 marks only will be allotted. No candidate will be considered to have passed who fails to obtain—

(*a*) 50 per cent. of the marks in each paper, except that in the third paper for Assistant Collectors of Excise under Rule 4 (2) only 40 per cent. of the marks shall be required to pass, and

(*b*) 60 per cent. of the aggregate of the marks for the whole examination.

A candidate who obtains at least 75 per cent. of the aggregate marks will be considered to have passed the examination *with credit*.

6. In addition to the examinations mentioned in the foregoing rules, every officer mentioned in Rule 1 will, unless specially exempted by Government, be required to pass, at the latest, at the first examination held after 18 months from the date on which he joined his appointment, an examination in the vernacular of the $\frac{\text{Range (Salt)}}{\text{District in which he has his head-quarters (Excise)}}$, unless such vernacular be his own language; provided that, if prior to his appointment he shall have passed this examination or one of equal difficulty in the vernacular in question, he shall not be required to pass again in the same vernacular. The vernaculars of the $\frac{\text{Ranges}}{\text{Districts}}$ are as follows:—

Salt Ranges.	Excise Districts.	Vernacular.
Northern Frontier ... Khárághoda ... Surat ...	Ahmedabad (Kaira and Panch Mahals).	Gujaráti.
Thána ... Uran ... Ratnágiri ... Goa Frontier ... Kánara ...	Khándesh (Násik) ... Thána (Kolába) ... Poona (Ahmednagar, Sátára). Sholápur (Bijápur) ...	Maráthi.
	Belgaum, Dhárwár, Kánara ..	Kánarese.

An Assistant Collector of Excise stationed in Bombay Island may take up either Maráthi or Gujaráti at his option, and, if he has already passed in either of these languages, he need not appear in the other.

7. Every officer mentioned in Rule 1 who has passed in one vernacular language and who at any time before he has completed 15 years' service as an Assistant Collector of $\frac{\text{Salt Revenue}}{\text{Excise}}$ (acting and substantive) joins an appointment in a $\frac{\text{Range}}{\text{District}}$ in the vernacular of which he has not passed, or of which the vernacular is not his own language, will, unless specially exempted by Government, be required to pass an examination in the vernacular of that $\frac{\text{Range}}{\text{District}}$, unless he is within that period transferred to another $\frac{\text{Range}}{\text{District}}$.

The special provision for Bombay Island contained in Rule 6 applies to this rule also.

8. Examinations in languages will be held monthly by the Civil and Military Examination Committee and will be according to the following standard:—

1.	Translation from English	100 Marks.
2.	Translation into English of a vernacular passage and writing a summary in English of vernacular papers read out to the candidate	100 „
3.	Reading and explaining Native papers, and conversation (in cases of local examination according to report of Local Committee)	150 „

Note (*1*).—A candidate who obtains 60 per cent. of the aggregate marks will be considered to have passed the examination, and a candidate who obtains at least 75 per cent. of the aggregate marks will be considered to have passed the examination with credit.

Note (*2*).—The papers for translation from English and into English will be of a general literary character, while the *viva voce* examination will be devoted to subjects more immediately connected with the Department in which the candidate is serving. The test in the vernacular examinations will be comprehensive and strict as regards conversation, reading and understanding vernacular papers, and comparatively mild as regards translation from English and vernacular.

9. (1) If an officer serving as Assistant Collector of $\frac{\text{Salt Revenue}}{\text{Excise}}$ fails to pass the examination described in Rule 1 within the period prescribed in that rule, he shall be liable to a deduction of 10 per cent. from his salary until he passes the examination; and if he fails to pass at the first examination held not less than 12 months after the date on which he joined his appointment, he shall be liable to be removed from his appointment.